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April 11, 2001

Ms. Magalie Salas
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: 561 Area Code("DA 01-341," "Docket No. 96-98)

Dear Ms. Salas:

On April 9, 2001, the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, passed and approved the enclosed Resolution supporting the Florida Public Service Commission petition to the Federal Communications Commission("DA 01-341," "Docket No. 96-98).

The Resolution was passed to preserve the 561 area code for Palm Beach County, and to create a new area code for St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River Counties with relief spanning twenty-four years into the future.

Thank you for your support of this Resolution.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Johnson, CMC
City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PETITION TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ("DA 01-341," "DOCKET NO. 96-98) TO PRESERVE THE 561 AREA CODE FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY; AND CREATE A NEW AREA CODE FOR THE COUNTIES OF ST. LUCIE, MARTIN AND INDIAN RIVER WITH RELIEF SPANNING TWENTY-FOUR YEARS INTO THE FUTURE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. On September 27, 2000, in a meeting with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") staff in West Palm Beach, representatives from our 561 area code region, and the Treasure Coast expressed overwhelming opposition to the PSC's ten-digit dialing recommendation.

2. Subsequent to that meeting the PSC sided with the request to allow Palm Beach County to keep its 561 area code and asked for a new area code to be provided for the Treasure Coast.

3. Unfortunately, the federal contractor who assigns area codes turned down the state's request citing a federal regulation that violated industry-developed guidelines that require the codes to last at least five years.

4. This matter will be decided by the Federal Communications Commission in the near future.

5. The City Council believes that the state plan which was approved by the PSC which extends the 561 area code life a minimum of three years is the best alternative to all concerned.

6. The City Council further believes that with the addition of new technology and the implementation of number conservation measures the 561 area code would have a much longer than projected life span. Additionally, through this plan, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties would enjoy a new area code with relief spanning twenty-four years into the future.

7. The City Council further believes that the residents of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast would be accommodated with the adoption of a plan that creates a

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new area code for the Treasure Coast, preserves the 561 area code for Palm Beach County, and eliminates the need for 10-digit dialing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, as follows:

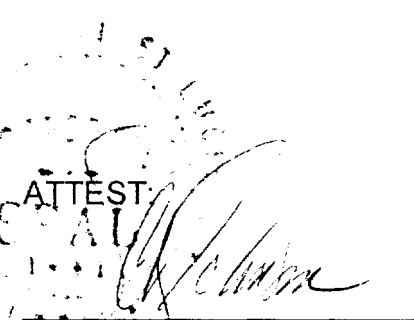
Section 1. The City Council hereby supports the Florida Public Service Commission Petition to the Federal Communications Commission ("DA No. 01-341," "CC Docket No. 96-98") to preserve the 561 area code for Palm Beach County and create a new area code for the counties of St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River with relief spanning twenty-four years into the future.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Federal Communications Commission, Attention Ms. Magalie Salas, 445 12th Street S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554; Tim Vaccaro, Florida Public Service Commission, Capital Circle Office Center, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0872; and the Honorable Ron Klein, State Senator, District 28, 406 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32358-1100.

Section 3. Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 9th day of April, 2001.

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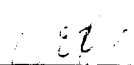
ATTEST:


Sandra K. Johnson, City Clerk

By: 

Robert E. Minsky, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Roger G. Orr, City Attorney